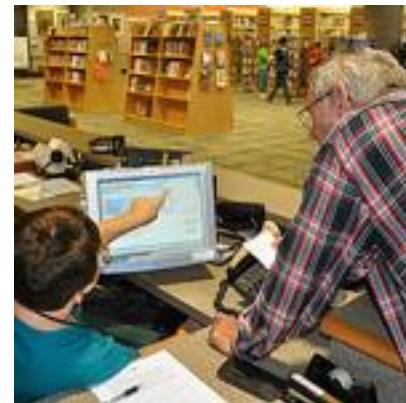


Stop, Think, Before you refer...



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Online Sources

Verify your sources!

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Check them out!

- Critical Eye
- General – Domains and websites
- Organizations
- Tools
- Articles

Critical Eye

- Does it pass the sniff test?
 - Is it a repost?
 - Does the credited source have a copy of it?
 - Does the website look real?
(personal/professional)
 - Can you find it elsewhere on the net?
(corroborating sources)

Domains

- Know your domains
 - .gov
 - .edu
 - Separately search the entity and see what their typical domain is
- WhoIS lookup
 - VERIO - <http://whois.net/>
 - See who owns the domain and who to contact if there are issues

Websites

- Look for date information
- Look at the source code for creation / creator information
 - View Source, look in header / footer
- How do people get there
 - Alexa.org

News / Organizations

- Check their websites
 - Who funds them?
 - How do they determine what's news?
- Check out the author / columnist
 - Can you find information about them?
 - What is their background?
 - Do they have expertise in the area?

Tools

- Snopes.com – Urban myths
- Hoax-slayer.com – Viruses, email scams
- Factcheck.org – TV ads, political statements, news
- Committee for Skeptical Inquiry -- All kinds of claims: science, consumer, health, etc.
[\(http://www.csicop.org/\)](http://www.csicop.org/)

Reminder – Articles

- Even if you don't have access to the resulting article, you should be able to find the article on the publisher's website
- Peer reviewed / Scholarly - submission criteria
- Research Gate – Author's references to article
- Open Access Journals – doaj.org
- Web of Science – Citation Analysis
- Google Scholar – Cited by

References to Look at

- ICIJ – Online tools to trace down sources:

<http://www.icij.org/resources/how-verify-information-and-debunk-myths-using-online-tools>

- UC Berkeley – Evaluating Web Pages:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

- Instruction from Hinsdale Public Library:

<http://www.hinsdalelibrary.info/teens/directions/distractions/sites-to-debunk-internet-hoaxes/>

Next week...

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